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FCC Announces Agenda for Public Hearing on Media Ownership in Nashville, Tennessee

The Federal Communications Commission today announced further details of its previously announced Nashville field hearing regarding media ownership (*see* announcements dated November 14 and December 1).

As previously announced, the hearing date, time, and location are as follows:

Date: Monday, December 11, 2006
Time: 1:00p.m.
Location: Belmont University
Massey Performing Arts Center
Massey Concert Hall
1900 Belmont Blvd
Nashville, TN

Link to Massey Performing Arts Center:

http://www.belmont.edu/music_about/facilities/concert_hall_massey.html

Link to Belmont Campus Map and Directions:

<http://www.belmont.edu/campusmap/>

The purpose of the hearing is to fully involve the public in the process of the 2006 Quadrennial Broadcast Media Ownership Review that the Commission is currently conducting. This hearing is the second in a series of media ownership hearings the Commission intends to hold across the country.

The hearing is open to the public, and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The hearing format will enable members of the public to participate via “open microphone.”

*The summaries listed in this notice are intended for the use of the public attending open Commission meetings. Information not summarized may also be considered at such meetings. Consequently these summaries should not be interpreted to limit the Commission's authority to consider any relevant information.

There will be two panels, each followed by a period for public comment. The first panel will examine issues affecting the music recording industry. The second panel will provide an overview of the Nashville market and issues affecting broadcasters and independent programmers.

Agenda and list of witnesses follows:

1:00 p.m. Welcome/Opening Remarks

1:30 p.m. Panel Discussion – Issues Affecting the Music Recording Industry

Harold Bradley, International Vice-President of American Federation of Musicians; Country Music Hall of Fame inductee

Rick Carnes, Songwriter; President of the Songwriters Guild of America

Luke M. Froeb, William C. and Margaret W. Oehmig Associate Professor in Entrepreneurship and Free Enterprise, Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University

Dobie Gray, Nashville Singer/Writer

George Jones, Recording Artist; Member, AFTRA

Naomi Judd, Grammy Award Winner; Singer, Songwriter, Author, Actor and Activist

Sharon Kay, General Manager, WFSK-Fisk University

Jenny Toomey, Singer/Writer; Executive Director of the Future of Music Coalition

Porter Wagoner, Nashville Singer/Writer; Country Music Hall of Fame inductee

Bud Walters, President, Cromwell Radio

Craig Wiseman, Songwriter and Publisher, Big Loud Shirt Industries; Member, AFTRA and NSAI

Christopher S. Yoo, Professor of Law and Director, Program on Technology and Entertainment Law, Vanderbilt University Law School

3:00 p.m. Public Comments

5:00 p.m. Break

5:20 p.m. Welcoming Remarks

5:30 p.m. Panel Discussion – Nashville Market Overview and Issues Affecting Broadcasters and Independent Programmers

Gary W. Cunningham, Publisher and President, GCA Publishing; Member, AFCP; Nashville Community Newspapers

Bob D'Andrea, Founder and President, Christian Television Network

Elden Hale, Senior Vice President, Meredith Broadcasting Group, General Manager, WSMV-TV, Nashville, TN

John Heidelberg, President of Heidelberg Broadcasting and owner of WVOL-AM 1470

Alex Jones, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Director of the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government

Gene Kimmelman, Vice President for Federal and International Affairs, Consumer Union

Ellen Leifeld, Publisher and President, *The Tennessean*

Deborah A. McDermott, President, Young Broadcasting Inc.

Terry Pefanis, Chief Operating Officer, Big Idea, Inc.

Wendell Rawls, Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter and editor

Debbie Turner, President and General Manager, News Channel 5 Network, Nashville, TN

Ginny Welsch, Co-founder and Executive Director of 98.9 WRFN-LPFM Radio Free Nashville

James Wolfe, former radio station and production and radio label executive

7:00 p.m. Public Comments

9:00 p.m. Adjournment

The moderator will be Henry Rivera, former FCC Commissioner.

A live audio cast of the hearing will be available at the FCC's website at www.fcc.gov on a first-come, first-served basis. The public may also file comments or other documents with the Commission and should reference docket number 06-121 when filing by paper or submit your filing electronically by going to http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi and enter proceeding number 06-121. Filing instructions are provided at <http://www.fcc.gov/ownership/comments.html>

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For additional information about the hearing, please visit the FCC's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/ownership>. Press inquiries should be directed to Rebecca Fisher, at 202-418-2359, or David Fiske, at 202-418-0513. If you are a member of the press and plan to attend the hearing, please contact Rebecca Fisher or David Fiske.

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